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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10 March 2009 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee Due on 23 February 2009. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

WO 01/46214 A2 (Huber et al.) has been found to teach a silane coupling compound that is used to couple nucleic acids to a solid support. See, for example, page 4. At page 19 Huber et al., teach of their performing a wash step using 1% SDS. While SDS is recognized as being a surfactant and it is being brought into contact with the probe and silane compound and support, it is done so after the probe and silane compound have been applied to the surface to the support. In contrast, the method requires the surfactant, probe and silane compound be combined prior to spotting on the support. Accordingly, Huber et al., do not teach or reasonably suggest the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0751. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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